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| In re Application of: Nixon et al. | |
| Serial No.: 10/693,425 | Examiner: Group, Karl E. |
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| For: BORON CARBIDE BASED CERAMIC MATRIX COMPOSITES | |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated November 13, 2006, Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination and respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.